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The kicker was put into place to control the state's spending, it was not put into place to be pilfered. Our education system is broken, this is due to ineffective and failed leadership. Our education system is broken because of an inability to teach our students, this a failure of the agency, not the continued responsibility of the voters to provide more and more money. When will it be enough? You cannot continue to throw money at a failing system, you need to dive in, get your hands dirty and fix it.

Additionally, there are a number of programs that are funded by the State that are unnecessary and redundant. There is rampant overspending and an inability for the State to address it. The kicker is not a continued slush fund for legislators to rob when they don't want to eliminate useless and unnecessary programs.

Listen to your constituents....we don't have the ability to rob a slush fund when our budget is tight, neither should you. Leave the kicker alone, this is not the State's money, this is the money of the voters.

I urge you to vote NO on SJR 201.